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**VAPPC Expands Eligibility Criteria for Vaccines;
School-Based Staff to be Vaccinated Starting Saturday;
COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic Schedule for January 23**

VAPPC Expands Eligibility Criteria for Vaccines

During its last meeting on Wednesday, January 20, 2021, the Vaccine and Antiviral Prioritization Policy Committee (VAPPC) approved the expansion of the Phase 1b category to include public and private school-based staff and school bus drivers, and Guam-based flight crew. The VAPPC also approved expanding the eligibility criteria under the Phase 1c category, focusing on specific target groups like the homeless population who are in residential programs and individuals with disabilities.

School-Based Staff to be Vaccinated Starting Saturday

The Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS), in collaboration with the Guam Regional Medical City (GRMC), and the Guam Department of Education (GDOE) will hold a vaccination clinic at GRMC in Dededo on Saturday, January 23, 2021, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m for both public and private school-based employees.

School-based employees from the following schools will be accepted:

Eligible School-based Employees		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Astumbo Elementary School• DL Perez Elementary School• Finegayan Elementary School• Machananao Elementary School• Upi Elementary School• Juan M. Guerrero Elementary School• Liguana Elementary School	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maria A. Ulloa Elementary School• Adacao Elementary School• Wettengel Elementary School• Tamuning Elementary School• Chief Brodie Elementary School• LB Johnson Elementary School• Okkodo High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dominican Catholic School• Santa Barbara Catholic School• Mercy Heights Catholic Nursery & Kindergarten• Saint Anthony Catholic School• Academy of Our Lady of Guam

School-based employees are encouraged to bring an employment ID or proof of employment. First-come, first-served. Please bring a government-issued ID. Additional vaccination clinics will be scheduled for remaining school-based employees and school bus drivers.

First Dose Vaccination Clinic on Jan. 23 at Southern Region Community Health Center

DPHSS, in partnership with the Office of the Governor, GDOE, Mayors' Council of Guam (MCOG), Department of Public Works (DPW), Guam Department of Labor (GDOL), Guam Fire Department (GFD), Guam Police Department (GPD), Guam National Guard (GUNG),

University of Guam (UOG) School of Nursing and Health Sciences, and the Serve Guam Commission which oversees the AmeriCorps Guam Program, will continue its COVID-19 vaccination clinic the Southern Region Community Health Center (SRCHC) in Inarajan on Saturday, January 23, starting at 8:30 a.m. for Phase 1c (individuals 60 years and older) to receive Pfizer-BioNTech Dose One.

DPHSS will issue up to 250 tickets at SRCHC per day for vaccinations on a first-come, first-served basis to patients in their vehicles only. Patient Parking Instructions will be printed on the back of each ticket. Please bring a photo ID.

First Dose Vaccination Clinic on January 23 at Okkodo High School

The DPHSS COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic at Okkodo High School in Dededo will resume on Saturday, January 23, starting at 8:30 a.m. for Phase 1c (individuals 60 years and older) to receive Pfizer-BioNTech Dose One. DPHSS will issue vaccination tickets on a first-come, first-served basis to patients in their vehicles only. Patient Parking Instructions will be printed on the back of each ticket. Please bring a photo ID.

Pre-screening Eligibility Vaccinations

To take the COVID-19 vaccine, you must meet the following pre-screening eligibility criteria*:

- Must not be currently infected with COVID-19, or previously exposed within the last 14 days
- Must not have received any other vaccine, such as the flu shot, in the last 14 days

*Please note: If this is your first time receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, please make sure you have never taken other COVID-19 vaccine products. Please visit dphss.guam.gov to view the pre-screening eligibility.

V-Safe Vaccine Symptom Monitoring

Individuals who have received the COVID-19 vaccine are encouraged to register for the tool called v-safe, offered by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). V-safe is a smartphone-based tool that uses text messaging and web surveys to provide personalized health check-ins after you receive a COVID-19 vaccination. Through v-safe, you can quickly tell CDC if you have any side effects after getting the COVID-19 vaccine. Depending on your answers, someone from CDC may call to check on you. V-safe will remind you to get your second COVID-19 vaccine dose if you need one. Sign up for v-safe with your smartphone's browser at <https://vsafe.cdc.gov>.

GBHWC Crisis Hotline

The Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center (GBHWC) has a Crisis Hotline that is available 24/7 at (671) 647-8833/4. For those feeling anxious, stressed, overwhelmed or are needing to talk to someone, GBHWC has experienced providers available and ready to assist the community with any heightened stress and anxiety experienced as a result of COVID-19.

For the latest information on COVID-19, visit dphss.guam.gov or guamrecovery.com. For inquiries on COVID-19, contact 311 through a local number, or call the Joint Information Center at (671) 478-0208/09/10.

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